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For: **OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF PROTECTING AN OPTICAL ROUTE**

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

5. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein at least part of said container and said mode field transformer are disposed within a housing.

7. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said optical component includes an optical transmitter or an optical receiver or a fibre amplifier or a semiconductor amplifier or an arrayed waveguide grating or a planar silica waveguide.

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REMARKS


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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5. (Amended) A system according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein at least part of said container and said mode field transformer are disposed within a housing.

7. (Amended) A system according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said optical component includes an optical transmitter or an optical receiver or a fibre amplifier or a semiconductor amplifier or an arrayed waveguide grating or a planar silica waveguide.